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**Bring Accountability to all Federal employees
and stop the abuse of power**

Cosponsor "The Public Trust and Accountability Act"

Dear Colleague:

The public's trust in Congress and the Federal government is **unacceptably low**. The taxpayers of this **great** nation must have the trust of its elected officials in order to move forward and continue its dual role as the leader of the world's democracies and the greatest nation on earth.

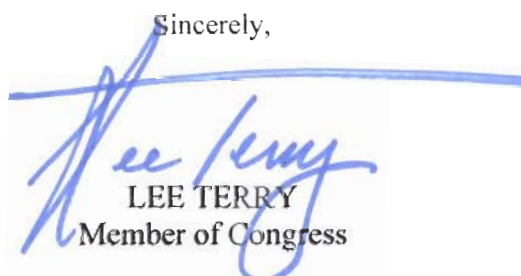
That is why I have written and introduced "The Public Trust and Accountability Act", or PTA Act. The PTA Act denies retirement benefits to any Federal employee, including elected officials and judges at all levels, if he or she is convicted of a crime which abuses the power of his or her respective position in the Federal government.

Specifically, this bill amends an existing statute in Title 5 of the U.S. Code that now provides for the forfeiture of retirement benefits of government employees, including Members of Congress, convicted of violating national security laws, such as treason. The PTA Act extends these penalties to include "white collar" crimes, such as embezzlement and bribery.

We as elected officials must set the example of leadership, trust and accountability that is expected of all Federal government employees.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring, please contact Scott Shiller at 5-4155 or at scott.shiller@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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